

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#5/a

In re U.S. National Phase of  
PCT/EP 00/00637 of:

Walter Sebald

Application No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: POLYPEPTIDE VARIANTS WITH  
INCREASED HEPARIN-BINDING  
ABILITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111  
August 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Note:** The claims under consideration are claims 1-26 which were amended under Article 19, of the PCT and copies of which are annexed to this Amendment.

Please substitute the following amended, clean versions of the indicated claims (a marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment):

3. (amended) A polypeptide variant as recited in claim 1, characterized in said oligopeptide comprises amino acid sequence RKRA (SEQ ID NO:3) or RKRAKHKQ (SEQ ID NO:4).